



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4084

A bill to amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 29, 2006

H.R. 4084 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to spend without further appropriation any special-use fees collected from marinas operated in national forests. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4084 would increase direct spending by about \$1 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2007.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4084 would direct that offsetting receipts collected from special-use fees imposed on marina operators be deposited into an existing Forest Service special account for recreation management. The receipts would be used primarily for visitor and recreational activities. Under existing law, such offsetting receipts—about \$1.3 million annually—are deposited into the National Forest Fund, and 25 percent of the amounts deposited each year are paid without further appropriation to states with national forest land. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, we assume that, under H.R. 4084, the agency would no longer make those payments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.